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Senate Finance Committee,
11 Bladen Street, 3 East Miller
Senate Office Building,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Senate,

My name is Beatriz Jose, and I am a first-year student anesthesiologist assistant projected to graduate in May 2027. As a resident of Prince George's County MD, District 4, I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 951/House Bill 1558.

In 2006, my family moved from the Philippines to Maryland after my mom was sponsored by a local hospital to work here. This opportunity changed the trajectory of our life; it gave our family stability and the chance to build a future in this community. From that point forward, Maryland became my home.

Watching my mom leave for early morning hospital shifts and steadily build her career shaped my own path into medicine. Today, I am training to become a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant and will soon enter the healthcare workforce. My goal is to build my career in Maryland and serve the same community that once extended opportunity to my family.

I have spent the past two decades growing up here, completing my education and building my local network through my church and community. It was here that I first volunteered in a hospital. It was also here that I first volunteered at a Gastroenterology clinic and was exposed to the field of anesthesia. These experiences reinforced my desire to remain and contribute here long term.

While I recognize that many healthcare careers require relocation, I intend to remain in Maryland or the surrounding DC area after graduation. I chose to complete my graduate training in DC so that I could stay close to the support system that continues to sustain me through the demands of an intensive anesthesia program. Remaining in Maryland is not simply a professional preference; it reflects my gratitude for the opportunities my family was given and my commitment to give back to the community that helped shape me.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of Senate Bill 951/House Bill 1558—State Board of Physicians—Anesthesiologist Assistants—Licensing. I sincerely hope you will lend your support to this legislation.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Jose